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New SMMUSD PCB Plan:

Expose Kids to

Cancerous PCBs for Up to 15 Years.

Environ submits second plan to the EPA for approval.

Environ and the Santa Monica Malibu School District (SMMUSD) “propose to manage [PCBs] in place for up to 15 years” with the right to extend at Malibu High, continuing to expose students from ages 5-18 and teachers to PCBs that violate federal law, have been classified as a group 1 carcinogen and have serious health effects even at low levels like memory loss and lowering IQ.

“To me, it is unconscionable that the District and EPA, by leaving PCBs in place, are playing free and loose with health of the Malibu High School students and staff.” States expert health consultant, Kurt Fehling, Fehling Group, LLC.

Environ submitted an initial plan in April that was rejected by the EPA on the grounds that it did not address TSCA violations for Malibu High. Environ’s new plan for PCB remediation was released on July 3, 2014, which does not include plans to investigate the source of PCBs throughout the tri-school campus, but instead do nothing and leave the PCBs in place for 15 years with the right to extend this time.

Fehling, proposes a balanced approach to investigating the school, an scientific approach that has been used in schools on the East Coast to evaluate PCB contamination. “Samples should be collected from each source of suspected PCB contamination (caulking), not just the air. Only then can we access the full impact of contamination and know what to remediate and what is “safe”. Until that happens, the parents and teachers will never know if the school is safe.”

Three current teachers and one retired teacher at Malibu High School have been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and twelve teachers have thyroid disease, along with teachers who have other serious health issues. Parents have reported health issues in MHS students ranging from auto-immune diseases and neurological issues to asthma and migraines.

Malibu Unites, a CA not for profit made up of parents, students, teachers and industry experts, proposes the following plan for SMMUSD:

- 1.To immediately test for PCBs in the caulking and other source material inside all pre-1979 buildings
(consistent with US EPA letter dated Jan 27th, 2014)
- 2.To immediately remove of all PCBs found in excess of 50 ppm, as mandated by the Toxic Substance Control
Act of 1976 (TSCA).
- 3.To use precautionary principles and relocate children from buildings that have violated TSCA into portable
classrooms until all PCB sources have been tested and removed.